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I'll take entries in court please.

MR. O'NEILL: Your Honor, James O'Neill, Pachulski, Stang, Zeihl, and Jones, for the debtor.

1 MR. LOCKWOOD: Your Honor, I intended to attend by 2 phone but since I can't get to the phone and I'm in the courtroom, Peter Lockwood. 3 MR. HURFORD: Same situation, Your Honor. 4 5 Hurford, Campbell and Levine, for (indiscernible). 6 MR. DUGGAN: Your Honor, the same for me, Michael 7 Duggan and with me is my co-counsel and he stepped out but may come back in, Mark Plevin. 8 9 THE COURT: All right, thank you. I'm sorry, who are 10 you representing in this one? Never mind. I'll find out --11 UNIDENTIFIED ATTORNEY: Bear with me for a second, 12 Your Honor. 13 UNIDENTIFIED ATTORNEY: An insurance company. 14 THE COURT: Thank you. 15 MR. KLAUDER: David Klauder for the United States 16 Trustee. 17 THE COURT: Is it one of the recalcitrants, as Mr. 18 Restivo likes to say? 19 MR. SCHIAVONI: No, not that again. Jeez, with that long list, Judge, I fell like I have to give an appearance 21 otherwise people are going to wonder why I'm not here, but Tanc Schiavoni for Airwood. 22 23 MR. MANGAN: Good morning, Your Honor. Kevin Mangan

THE COURT: All right, thank you. Mr. O'Neill?

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MR. O'NEILL: Your Honor, I believe that the matters on the agenda have all been resolved with respect -- except with respect to Item Number 10, and that's the substantial 4 contribution claim of the two Canadian ZAI firms. And I will 5 note that the fee auditor has filed his report which appears on the amended agenda at Item Number 10, related Document D, and also that counsel has filed their certification of no objection, which is related Document Number E with their proposed form of order, and I'll turn it over to I guess counsel for the applicant with respect to this matter.

THE COURT: All right, let me address why we have a 12∥ hearing with a CNO going on because, as you know, I don't normally do that. I'm not clear exactly what this settlement of the ZAI Canadian claims involved and what the direct benefit to those claimants will be as incorporated in this plan so that I can judge the amounts that are being requested for fees. Ι read Mr. Smith's report and I appreciate the fact that class settlements, that in his view, that the multiplier used here, if that were what the Court would determine is appropriate, is within multipliers used for Canadian class settlements. appreciate the fact that if it's a time-billed type of record, that number is double the actual out-of-pocket that the debtor or somebody would owe to these attorneys for their services.

So I'm not clear why I have something other than 25∥ orders and motions submitted in accord with the fee order that

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1 is in place in this case when a very hefty multiplier in terms $2 \parallel$ of the actual fees that would be awarded is being used. lastly, I'm not sure why there is a substantial contribution 4 claim being made here.

If it's a class settlement, why are those funds not 6 coming out of the class which is what would normally, I think, be the case, that the distribution to the class plus the fees would be all considered and the Court would make an award and then it would be paid. So I'm a little confused on those three 10 points and that's why we're here. If you can address those three points, someone, I would appreciate it.

MR. HOGAN: Your Honor, Daniel Hogan here on the phone. I apologize. If I had known that this hearing was going to be later and that you were going to be in attendance in the court, I would have appeared personally to make these arguments, Your Honor. I understood that the hearing was set for ten.

Be that as it may, this is our application for a 19 substantial contribution application for the \$2 million. The \$2 million, as the Court I'm sure is well aware, is derived specifically from the amended and restated minutes of settlement and the amended and restated minutes of settlement are a product of negotiation, as the Court I'm sure is well aware, between Grace Canada, the debtors, and representative counsel on behalf of the Canadian claimants. Those claimants 25

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1 are both Canadian ZAI, PI, and PD claimants and accordingly, 2 the negotiated agreement which is the amended and restated 3 minutes of settlement provides for a gross number of -- in 4 excess of \$8 million and that number slides forward once we got 5 past the June 30th threshold.

We're now at approximately \$8.6 million that's going to be made available for the entirety of the claims. Of that \$8.6 million, \$2 million was negotiated and set aside pursuant to the minutes of settlement to compensate representative 10 counsel for their efforts in regard to satisfying the claims of 11 both the Canadian ZAI, PI and PD claims. The payment is to 12 come through the trust, the PD trust, but that's merely a mechanism whereby the payment would be transferred to the Canadian claimants.

With regard to the specific issues that you raised, 16 Your Honor, if you could, articulate for me the first one because I was distracted when you were making your claims --18 your comments in terms of the issues that you had.

THE COURT: I think the first one is Mr. Smith's report indicates that the multiplier that's used here -essentially -- let me start it this way, Mr. Hogan. Essentially, the fees, if I were looking at a time-billed basis, would be, and I'm using round dollars, million dollars, but this distribution is going to be \$2 million. Now, Mr. Smith's report indicates that if the Court were basing this on

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1 a contingency with a multiplier that that \$2 million amount 2 would be within the range that has typically been approved by courts in Canada when they have approved settlements. $4 \parallel$ if I'm looking at this as I'm judging all the other fee 5 applications, it's \$1 million richer than the time that's actually been spent to achieve the settlement.

So my first issue is why should I be looking at two million rather than one million, and my second -- well, that's the first issue. Why should I be looking at two million rather than one million?

MR. HOGAN: Okay, and if you will allow me, I'll 12 address that issue. Specifically, as the Court's aware I'm sure, the claim is made by Canadian class action representatives and attorneys and as such, the claim that's being made is for the fees that in the ordinary course, if this claim or these claims weren't contained within this bankruptcy proceeding, they wouldn't be -- it wouldn't be predicated on an hourly mandate. It would be predicated on either a loadstar 19 approach, a percentage approach or some flat fee.

And so part of the issue that you're having, of course, relates to the fact that we've submitted an application which shows time entries. The reason that we did it that way, Your Honor, was to show the Court, number one, that there were substantial efforts made here and the best way to articulate what those efforts were would be to include the dockets.

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included the dockets of both Scarfone Hawkins and Lauzon 2 Belanger and, as the Court has surmised, they approximate about \$1 million.

There are, however, other counsel who are party to this arrangement in Canada whose time isn't specifically included in the application but is referenced in Michelle Belanger's affidavit, those firms being the Merchant Law Group and the Aikins law firm. And if you look at the time that they've expended as co-counsel, together with representative counsel, they have an additional six to \$700,000 in fees. so if the Court is going to look at that issue, the real comparison we submit, Your Honor, is really 1.7 to 1.8 versus 13 the \$2 million, number one.

In terms of why we think the \$2 million in the multiplier approach is more appropriate under these circumstances relates in large part to the fact that this is a Canadian claim and these are -- this is a Canadian class There's actually 11 class actions that are involved. action. And that accordingly, everything is mandated or at least constructed within the context of the Canadian law.

And by that, I mean when these minutes were first negotiated and then the first minutes fell apart and we had subsequent amended minutes, each time the minutes were agreed to, they had to go before the Canadian court to be approved. The CCAA court, in fact, approved the original minutes and then

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1 subsequently approved the amended minutes of settlement. 2 each instance the Court looked specifically at these issues with regard to the attorneys' fees and the compensation of 4 representative counsel for the efforts that they undertook with 5 regard to the class action claimants.

And so it's our position that in light of Canadian law and in light of the analysis that we undertook to make sure that the fees were appropriate under Canadian law, we're asking Your Court, Your Honor, to look at that and to use the 10∥principles of comity to essentially approve the fees because they've already been approved by the Canadian court and because of the interaction that's occurred between the Canadian court 13 and Your Court, Your Honor.

THE COURT: All right, and then the second issue is what benefit was actually provided to the ZAI claimants in Canada as a result of this settlement. And I think I heard sufficient information about that at the time that the settlement was brought before the Court. But, Mr. Hogan, it might be helpful to give me literally two minutes on that issue.

MR. HOGAN: Well, Your Honor, but for the amended and restated minutes of settlement, there was no provision for the treatment of Canadian PI, ZAI claimants and also, there was no provision for the recompense of the Canadian ZAI, PD claimants. As a result of the efforts undertaken by representative counsel

1 on behalf of both those individual groups, we have the PI 2 claims are being channeled to the PI trust which gives real benefit to those PI claimants. I'll just mention as an aside 4 that we only know one group or family, the Bruce and Thundersky $5 \parallel (phonetic)$ families, that have any PI claims and those are 6 being channeled to the PI trust.

As it relates to the PD claims, ZAI, PD claims, we've negotiated with the debtor to create a separate class for those claimants and the preponderance of the funds that are being paid pursuant to the amended minutes of settlement will be utilized for those claims.

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And so but for those efforts undertaken by rep counsel, neither of those results would have occurred, and they're substantial results we believe.

THE COURT: Okay, that satisfies me, Mr. Hogan. Do 16 you have an order here, Mr. O'Neill, on Number 10 by any chance?

MR. O'NEILL: Your Honor, I can take a look at -- I 19∥ believe I have it in my binder. I can just take a look.

THE COURT: Or I can actually probably have it stamped on the system. Sherry, can you pull -- all right, I'll just have the order stamped on the system. That'll make it easier and then you'll have your copy, Mr. O'Neill. have the order entered according to the CNO that was filed, Mr. Hogan. I'm satisfied both from Mr. Smith's report which delved 1 a good deal into the Canadian law and I appreciate that very 2 much and your recitation on the record, Mr. Hogan, that the fees are appropriate. So I will sign the order that awards the 4 fees.

Thank you, Your Honor. Just for the MR. HOGAN: 6 record, just so it's clear, and I'm sure you'll see it from the order, that your order will instruct that the fees be paid, but those fees will only be paid upon the effective date of the plan so it's not as if we're expecting to be paid immediately. It's once the plan goes effective, Your Honor.

> THE COURT: All right, thank you.

MR. HOGAN: And the order provides that as well.

THE COURT: Yes, okay, thank you.

MR. HOGAN: Thank you, Your Honor.

THE COURT: I think that's the only issue in Grace,

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MR. O'NEILL: I believe that's correct, Your Honor.

> THE COURT: Okay.

MR. DUGGAN: Just briefly, Your Honor, if I may apologize to the Court. When I was entering my appearance, I was not clear as to who my clients were at the time if I might correct the record?

THE COURT: Yes, sir.

MR. DUGGAN: Michael Duggan of the firm Marks, 25 0'Neill, O'Brien and Courtney on behalf of Everest Reinsurance

1 Company formerly known as Prudential Reinsurance Company and 2 Mount McKinley Insurance Company formerly known as Gibralter 3 Insurance Company. I thank Your Honor for the indulgence, and $4 \parallel I$ apologize for not having that in front of my mind.

THE COURT: Okay, thank you. All right, I believe 6 this case is adjourned so thank you all and I'll tend to the next one.

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